

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Grant of Renewal of Petroleum Exploration License for the area situated as per the description of the contract area over an extent of 511 Sq.Kms located between coordinates lies between North Latitude 16 33'2.00" to 16 51'10.84" and Eastern Longitude 82 20'18" to 82 21'54.13" in East Godavari District on land for one year (6th year) i.e. 16-02-2013 to 15-02-2014 in favour of M/s Oil India Limited and M/s Geo-Global Resources – Orders – Issued.

INDUSTREIS & COMMERCE (MIV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 144

Dated 18-11-2013

Read the following:-

- 1)G.O.Ms.No.48, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department,
Dated 16-02-2008.
- 2)From the DMG file No.22738/R2-1/2007, dated 29-7-2013
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ORDER :-

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have granted a Petroleum Exploration Licence for an area of 511 Sq.Kms. in East Godavari District which includes 334.66 Sq.Kms. of Non-forest area as per the sketch identified as KG-ONN-2004/1 under NELP-IV and 177.34 Sq.Kms. forest area identified as KG-ONN-2004 under NELP-IV infavour of M/s Oil India Limited and M/s Geo-Global Resources for a period of (4) years.

2) In the reference 2nd read above, the Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad stated that the Government granted the PEL initially for a period of (4) years which is extended for a further period of one year each till the expiry of exploration subject to approval of Govt. of India under Rule 5(1) of P&NG Rules, 1959 and also subject to the satisfaction of oil fields (R&D) Act, 1948. Further, subject to obtaining of NOC from the District Collector before taking up exploration drilling in the applied area.

3) The Director of Mines & Geology has further stated that the Govt. of India awarded NELP-IV Block KG-ONN-2004/1 over an area of 549 Sq.km. to the consortium of Oil India Limited (Oil) with 90% PI and Geo-Global Resources Inc with 10% PI. In this 549 Sq.Kms. Block, an area of about 511 Sq.km. falls in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh and the remaining 38 Sq.Kms. of Area falls in the Yanam District of Union Territory Puducherry.

4) The Director of Mines & Geology has also stated that the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, MoP&NG, GoI vide Letter No.DGH/PSC/OIL/Excusable delays, dated 07-09-2012 granted extension of Phase-I exploration period for NELP-IV block, KG-ONN-2004/1 to M/s Oil India Limited. In the letter it is stated that Government of India has approved an extension of 849 days (without setoff) w.e.f. 18-08-2012 to 12-12-2014 in Phase-I of the Block KG-ONN-2004/1 on account of excusable delay due to delay in grant of PEL by the Govt. of Puducherry. The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons further stated that if M/s OIL sought any extension of time on account of delay in forest clearance, the overlap time already allowed for delay in grant of PEL will be subject to adjustment.

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5) The Director of Mines & Geology has further stated that M/s Oil India Limited through Letter No.OIL/KGB/KKD-2/134, dated 14-05-2013 informed that the company have been carried out the following in the block:

3d seismic surveys for 277 Sq.kms. area.

2532 GM stations.

Collected 384 geo-chemical samples.

Re-processing of 591 LKM of Old Vintage 2D seismic data.

6) Further, M/s OIL informed that the company during the current year 2013-14 and 2014-15 is planning to complete the balance 3D seismic survey of about around 100 Sq.kms., to carryout the mandatory 2D seismic survey around 300 LKM and commence exploratory drilling in the block.

7) The Director of Mines & Geology further stated that Under Rule 9 of P&NG Rules, 1959 every license shall be effective from the dates specified in this behalf in the license. Under P&NG Rules, 1959 there is no model form for execution of the Government Grant Orders sanctioning license or lease. As per the record available the ADM&G concerned not issuing any work orders to the licenses or leases granted under P&NG Rules, 1959. Hence, the date of grant of PEL may be taken into account for computing the period of license.

8) The Director of Mines & Geology further stated that on completion of 4th year PEL period, M/s Oil India Limited deposited an amount of Rs.20,44,000/- for the 5th year PEL fee for the period 16-02-2012 to 15-02-2013 for the entire area of 511 Sq.Kms. @ Rs.4000/- per Sq.Km. in accordance to the amended P&NG Rules, 1959.

9) The Director of Mines & Geology has requested the Government to consider for grant of renewal of Petroleum Exploration License for the area situated as per the description of the contract area over an extent of 511 Sq.Kms located between coordinates lies between North Latitude 16 33'2.00" to 16 51'10.84" and Eastern Longitude 82 20'18" to 82 21'54.13" in East Godavari District on land for one year (6th year) i.e. 16-02-2013 to 15-02-2014 as the 5th year period is expired on 15-02-2013 which may be treated as deemed renewed. As per Rule 10 of P&NG Rules, 1959 the Government shall renew the P.L. for one year at each time infavour of M/s Oil India Limited and M/s Geo-Global Resources, subject to satisfaction of Oil Fields (R&D Act, 1948) and subject to obtaining No objection certificate from the Collector concerned before taking up exploration drilling in the licensed area.

10) Government after careful examination, hereby grant renewal of Petroleum Exploration License for the area situated as per the description of the contract area over an extent of 511 Sq.Kms located between coordinates lies between North Latitude 16 33'2.00" to 16 51'10.84" and Eastern Longitude 82 20'18" to 82 21'54.13" in East Godavari District on land for one year (6th year) i.e. 16-02-2013 to 15-02-2014 (as the 5th year period is expired on 15-02-2013 which was treated as deemed renewed) under Rule 10 of P&NG Rules, 1959, infavour of M/s Oil India Limited and M/s Geo-Global Resources, subject to satisfaction of Oil Fields (R&D Act, 1948) and subject to obtaining No objection certificate from the District Collector concerned before taking up exploration drilling in the licensed area.

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10) The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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Natural Gas, NEW DELHI.

The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.

The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Bihar.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.

SF/SC (C.No.12870/M.IV(2)/2013)

//Forwarded :: By Order //

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